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SUBJECT: PRC OFFICIALS OCTOBER 10 COMMENTS ON TIBETAN OFFICE ISSUE

1. IN MEETINGS WITH WORLD AFFAIRS DELEGATION, BOTH  
TENG HSIAO-PING AND ACTING FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG TOOK  
INITIATIVE TO SCOLD US ABOUT TIBETAN OFFICE IN NEW  
YORK.

2. IN OCTOBER 10 MEETING WITH U.S. WORLD AFFAIRS DELE-  
GATION, ACTING FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG AND MFA AMERICAS AND  
OCEANIA DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECCTOR NANCY TANG COMMENTED ON  
ISSUE OF TIBETAN OFFICE IN NEW YORK. HAN RAISED ISSUE AT  
END OF HIS RESPONSE TO DELEGATION LEADER CYRUS VANCE'S  
REQUEST FOR OBSERVATIONS ON PRESENT STATE OF US-PRC  
RELATIONS.

3. HAN: ....INCIDENTALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION  
AN INCIDENT AND ASK YOU IF IT WILL HELP TO PROMOTE  
RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. NOT LONG AGO,  
THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ALLOWED TO BE ESTABLISHED... (AT  
THIS POINT THERE WAS A DISCUSSION BETWEEN HAN, THE  
INTERPRETERS, AND NANCY TANG, WHO WAS SITTING IN AS  
OBSERVER. THE INTERPRETER THAN CHANGED THE SENTENCE  
TO READ:)...THERE EXISTS A TIBETAN OFFICE IN NEW YORK  
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WHICH PUBLISHES A BULLETIN, AND SHORTLY A TIBETAN

SONG AND DANCE TROUPE WILL BE GOING TO THE UNITED STATES.  
THIS IS ONLY ONE EXAMPLE, THERE ARE OTHERS AS WELL.  
BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, TIBET WILL REMAIN AN INDIVISIBLE  
AND SACRED PART OF CHINA.

4. TANG THEN SAID THROUGH INTERPRETER: MISS TANG WOULD  
LIKE TO ADD THAT THE SO-CALLED TIBETAN OFFICE WAS SET  
UP BY THE DALAI IRVA IN 10 (SIC) WHEN HE FLED TIBET, AND  
HAS NOT BEEN SET UP BY THE TIBETAN AUTONOMOUS REGION OF  
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THEY LAUNCH VICIOUS  
ATTACKS AGAINST THE PRC AND PUBLISH AND PRINT ARTICLES

AGAINST THE PRC IN THE UNITED STATES.

5. MR. GRANT: IS THIS OFFICE INDEPENDENT OR IS THERE  
ANY EVIDENCE OF UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORT?

6. HAN: THEY CLAIM THAT THIS OFFICE IS WITHIN THE  
JURISDICTION OF YOUR CONSTITUTION. WE DO NOT AGREE  
WITH THIS VIEW, AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS SITUATION  
WILL HELP WITH RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

7. AS MEETING WAS ENDING, AMB  
BUSH TOLD TANG AT THE  
DOOR THAT THE ANSWER TO GRANT'S QUESTION ON ANY EVIDENCE  
OF USG SUPPORT WAS "A SIMPLE ONE WORD: NO." TANG  
THEN BEGAN TO ARGUE THAT THE U.S. WAS USING U.S. LAW  
TO "PROTECT" THE TIBETAN OFFICE AND THAT AT THE VERY  
LEAST THE USG HAD NOT STATED ITS OPPOSITION TO THE  
OFFICE. BY THIS TIME DELEGATES AND MFA OFFICIALS HAD  
ENCIRCLED BUSH AND TANG. BUSH SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY  
TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION LATER.

8. IN MEETING NEXT DAY WITH DELEGATION, VICE PERMIER  
TENG HSIAO-PING AGAIN REFERRED TO THE TIBETAN OFFICE  
BRIEFLY IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON PRC MEDIA CRITI-  
CISM OF U.S. SOCIETY:

TENG: ...AND WHY ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DALAI  
LAMA ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE IN THE UNITED STATES? THAT  
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IS A "THREE-CHINA POLICY". BEFORE WE WERE FACED WITH  
ONLY A TWO-CHINA PWICY; NOW WE ARE FACED WITH A "THREE-  
CHINA POLICY.  
BUSH

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